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FLOODING IN ROMANIA

Torrential rainfall in Romania during the month of May caused heavy flooding in major areas of economic and agricultural importance to the country. Reportedly, hundreds of people have been killed and thousands left homeless. Television and radio broadcasts as well as newspaper and magazine articles report that the floods have seriously endangered the economy. Although the full extent of the damage is not known, approximately 1 million acres of farmland lie under water. Damage to transportation, housing, and communications is extensive, and Romanian authorities fear an outbreak of epidemics will result from the flooding.

Aid has been given to Romania by the United States, most countries of Western and Eastern Europe, and Great Britain. Although the Soviets were initially slow in responding to the disaster, the Bucharest Domestic Service reported that a Soviet aircraft recently landed at the Bucharest/Otopeni International Airport with a shipment of supplies provided by the Soviet Red Cross.

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Satellite photography	ł	has ·	provided	partial	coverage	01

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Alba Iulia Area				
A Romanian "Scinteia	" newspaper article o	of 20 May and	a New York Times	
article with an accompany	ing news photograph	of 25 May rep	orted extensive	
damage at Alba Iulia caus	ed by the flooding of	f the Mures R	River. Comparative	
views of the city			show that although	
the flood waters had subs	ided, the river had n	not returned	to its normal level.	
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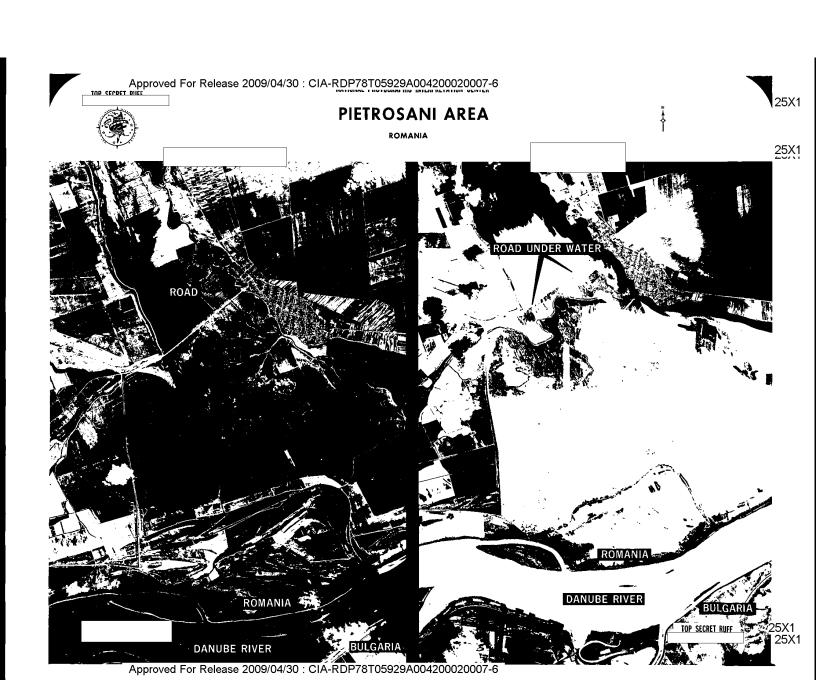
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Apata Area	
Comparative views of the area, just north of the industrial town of	
Brasov in central Romania, show the extent of the flooding of the Olt	
River. A section of road is observed under water.	
North of Slatina	
High water marks of the Olt River are discernible immediately north	
of Slatina in south central Romania. Backwater pools can be seen where	
the river overflowed its banks.	
Slatina Area	
This graphic shows the flood-expanded channel of the Olt River near	
the industrial town of Slatina.	
Turnu Magurele Area	
Flooding is quite evident in the vicinity of Turnu Magurele near	
the confluence of the Olt and the Danube Rivers. An annotation indicates	
the location of a road under water.	
Pietrosani Area	
Overflowing of the Danube River is observed in the vicinity of	
Pietrosani. An area of extensive land and road inundation is discernible	
on the photography.	
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